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MCDOT's Mark DeVries Receives APWA 2012 Presidential Leadership Award

WOODSTOCK, IL - McHenry County Division of Transportation Maintenance Superintendent Mark DeVries was recently awarded the American Public Works Association (APWA) Presidential Leadership Award for 2012. The Presidential Leadership Award is an extraordinary commemoration. It is awarded at the discretion of the APWA President to someone who has distinguished himself or herself in the public works profession. Past recipients of this prestigious award include former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters. Mark received the award at the APWA Congress and Expo this August in Anaheim, CA which is an annual gathering of APWA members from across the world. APWA is the largest international organization of its kind with over 28,000 members and serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy, and exchange of knowledge.

The Presidential Leadership Award is the highest award APWA bestows upon an individual. Mark is being recognized as he has been an exemplary professional in snow and ice, and winter maintenance and safety. His efforts in the public works profession are felt not only here locally in McHenry County but throughout Illinois, the entire United States, and internationally. His passion, enthusiasm and willingness to share his expertise with others in the profession are unparalleled in his field. Mark has worked for the McHenry County Division of Transportation since 1984 and has been Maintenance Superintendent since 2001. He chairs APWA's Winter Maintenance Subcommittee and the Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award Committee. He has shared his experiences with local agencies as well at local seminars and expos. Mark also assists the Illinois Local Technology Transfer Program and teaches flagging safety and snow and ice removal for new operators for many local agencies in northern Illinois. In 2010, Mark was also recognized as one of APWA's Top Ten Public Leader of the Year.

About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,500 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

Click [here](#) for photos of Mark DeVries receiving the Presidential leadership Award.

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